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In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of September 21, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over La Porta et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,654,359, hereinafter La Porta) in view of Rom (U.S. Pat. No. 6,360,264). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicants maintain the arguments submitted in the Amendment